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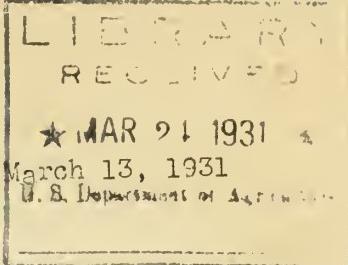
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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES



THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

American apples made better prices generally on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, March 11, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. An exception was Virginia Albemarle Pippins which were somewhat lower. This was probably due to the variable condition of some lots of this variety. Supplies of barreled, basketed and boxed apples were moderate. Inquiry is improving for all apples but is particularly active for high grade fruit. The condition of the barreled sorts was only fair. Most of the Virginia apples are arriving firm and in good condition, but many lots from New York and the New England states are landing overripe and with a slight amount of decay. Practically all of these varieties continue to show a large amount of scald. The strong demand is holding up the prices of the lower grades of apples. Boxed apple offerings have generally been in good condition but a few large sized, Pacific Northwest Winesaps have exhibited weak condition and some decay. Some lots were poorly sized which resulted in slack packs. Basket stock met a good demand. U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch Virginia Yorks sold at around \$2.68 and the combination U. S. No. 1, and Commercial,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch at about \$2.43 and Utility,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch around \$2.43. Virginia Staymans, U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch sold at \$2.19 to \$2.43, Utility, 2 inch around \$2.31 and Unclassified,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch at about \$2.49. New Jersey Delicious, Utility,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch sold at about \$2.25 per basket.

At London barreled supplies were light and prices higher. Albemarle Pippins made better prices than at Liverpool. Demand was good for the light supplies of basketed apples. Pennsylvania Staymans, U. S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch sold at \$2.19 to \$2.31 and Utility,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch at \$2.13 to \$2.19 per basket. Boxed apple supplies were moderate and met with a stronger inquiry than last week. Prices were slightly below those ruling at Liverpool. Some Pennsylvania boxed apples were offered at the auction; these made the following prices: Starkis, Fancy 150/175 about \$2.13 and Fancy 188/smaller \$1.95 to \$2.19; Winesaps, Fancy 188/smaller \$2.55 to \$2.62; and Yorks, Fancy 150/175 \$2.55 to \$2.68 per box.

Supplies of pears at both Liverpool and London were liberal. Inquiry was slower than last week and prices lower. The condition of the fruit was generally good. New crop pears from Argentina and Australia are beginning to arrive in the United Kingdom. The quality and condition of these arrivals are good. Argentina Bartletts size 135 are selling at about \$3.41 and those from Australia,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch size around \$2.45 and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch about \$2.70 per box. The outlook for United States pears is not favorable as for apples for the balance of the season.

Total shipments of apples to Europe from the United States this season exceed all previous records for the same period. The apple outlook continues favorable, according to Mr. Motz. The weather at the present time, however, is cold and disagreeable, a condition unfavorable for fruit consumption.

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## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool			London
	1930	1931	1931	1931
	March 12	March 4	March 11	March 11
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Albemarle Pippins, Va.	:	:	:	:
U.S. No.1, 2 inch min.....	-	6.93	6.93	8.03- 8.27
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	8.27- 9.12	8.52- 9.00	7.79- 8.27	8.52- 9.00
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	9.98-10.22	8.76- 9.25	8.27- 8.76	-
Unclassified 2½ inch min.....	7.06- 8.27	6.81- 7.30	6.33- 6.81	-
Staymans, Va.	:	:	:	:
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch min.....	-	6.57- 6.81	7.30	-
Utility 2 inch min.....	-	5.84- 6.08	6.93	-
Baldwins, N. Y.	:	:	:	:
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	6.20- 6.93	7.42	7.30	-
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	7.30	6.93- 7.42	7.30- 8.03	-
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.	:	:	:	:
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	-	6.57	6.57- 6.93	-
U.S. No.1, 2½ inch min.....	-	6.81- 7.30	8.52	-
U.S. No.1, 2¾ inch min.....	-	6.93	8.27	-
	<u>BOXES:</u>			
Newtowns, Oregon.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	4.38	2.86	3.10- 3.22	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	3.41- 3.95	-	2.92- 3.10	2.92- 3.16
C grade 188/smaller.....	-	-	2.49- 2.55	2.55
Newtowns, Calif.	:	:	:	:
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	2.55- 2.62	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	2.43- 2.49	-
Winesaps, Wash.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 138/larger.....	-	-	2.68- 2.74	-
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.68	-	2.92- 3.10	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.43- 2.55	2.74	2.68- 2.86	-
Fancy 150/175.....	2.55- 3.04	-	2.80	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.31- 2.43	-	2.62- 2.68	2.49- 2.56
Delicious, Oregon.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	3.41	3.16- 3.41
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	3.41	2.80- 2.92
Spitzenbergs, Oregon.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	2.68- 2.80	2.80
Staymans, Pa.	:	:	:	:
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	2.43	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	2.43	2.25- 2.43
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES:</u>			
Winter Nelis, Calif.	:	:	:	:
Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	2.92- 3.10	-
Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	2.86- 2.98	-
Winter Nelis, Wash.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	3.04- 3.71a/	3.47	2.49- 2.62	-
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	-	3.16- 3.41	2.43- 2.68	-
Anjous, Oregon.	:	:	:	:
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	2.62	-
Extra Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	-	2.25- 2.49	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Grade not given.